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SUBJECT: RAFSANJANI APRIL 21 SERMON ON ALLEGED
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¶1. SWISS FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROVIDED EMBASSY ON APRIL 25 WITH AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION BY U.S. INTERESTS SECTION OF SWISS EMBASSY IN TEHRAN OF RAFSANJANI'S APRIL 21 FRIDAY MESSAGE WHICH DESCRIBED AN ALLEGED U.S. ESPIONAGE RING IN IRAN. DOCUMENT RUNS ABOUT THREE DOUBLE-SPACED PAGES, ALMOST ENTIRELY IN DIRECT QUOTATIONS. SOURCE IS NOT CITED.

¶2. U.S. INTERESTS SECTION ALSO PROVIDED A ONE-PAGE TRANSLATION OF A COMMENTARY ON THIS CHARGE BY THE IRANIAN NEWSPAPER "ETTELAAT" OF APRIL 22.

¶3. BOTH DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN POUCHED NEA/NGA FOR POSSIBLE BACKGROUND USE IF NOT AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES.

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